

FIRE CAPTAIN

(Promotional Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

This is responsible and skilled firefighting and rescue work on an assigned duty tour in leading and directing the activities of a fire company. Employees of this class may serve as officer-in-charge of a single or multi-company fire station. Work includes responsibility for the placement of equipment and direction of assigned firefighting personnel at the scenes of fires or emergencies in accordance with established procedure or fire scene direction, and for leading fire suppression or rescue operations until relieved of command by a superior officer. Work also involves responsibility for, and participation in, company maintenance activities and in-station drills and instructional activities. Work requires high proficiency in fire protection and rescue operations and the ability to lead others under hazardous conditions. General supervision is available at all times, however work is normally performed according to the procedures of the department with some latitude for the exercise of independent judgment. Work is evaluated for results obtained, through observation, inspections, and reports. Work is supervised and evaluated by a Fire District Chief through direct observation, inspections, discussions, and reports.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Responds to fire and other emergency alarms; makes decisions as to methods of attack; directs operations until relieved of command by a superior officer; supervises and participates in laying hose lines, directing water streams, placing ladders, ventilating buildings, rescuing persons and property, and conducting salvage.

Operates resuscitators, cutting torches, saws, power jacks, and a variety of other rescue equipment and tools; removes fire or accident victims to safe locations; renders first aid.

Instructs and drills personnel in firefighting methods, techniques, and related subjects at the station to which assigned.

Directs and participates in the cleaning of quarters, equipment, and apparatus at fire stations; inspects personnel and maintains discipline; prepares necessary records and reports; reports discipline or work performance problems to a superior officer.

Directs and participates in pre-fire planning inspections of commercial, industrial, and other premises in a designated area for hazards, efficiency of fire protection equipment, adequacy of fire escapes and exits, and general compliance with fire laws; conducts pre-planning inspections of designated buildings and facilities; prepares and/or participates in the preparation of plans for emergency and rescue operation in problem locations.

Inspects the equipment and appearance of subordinate firefighters; conducts roll call briefings at the beginning of shifts; provides information and special instructions; will evaluate and rate the performance of subordinates; refers grievances and leave requests to higher authority.

Participates in a continuing program of training, instruction, and individual study of technical materials and attendance at scheduled drills and classes.

Performs any related duties assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by the filing deadline for application for admission to the test.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States.

Must be a regular employee in good standing in the class of Fire Engineer.

After offer of either employment or promotion to a position must meet and maintain any medical and physical fitness standards designed to demonstrate good health and the physical ability to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation, as determined by a qualified medical physician and administered by the Appointing Authority.

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